

North Adams in 1841, just before the Gold Rush Era. Notice the Stagecoach to the right of the covered bridge.

Covered Wagon To Visit North Adams In June For Opportunity Drive

On June 3, 4 and 5 North Adams will be visited by one of the forty-eight covered wagons which left Independence, Missouri on May 16, to cover the country in the Opportunity Bond Drive. This drive is on from May 16 through June 30 and is featuring the Gold Rush days as the symbol of opportunity. The Treasury Department has chosen the covered wagon as the identifying emblem of the Savings Bonds Opportunity Drive. To this generation of Americans, accustomed to high speeds, good roads and a general ease in travelling, the covered wagon typifies an age in which a trip West was filled with adventure and

with the opportunity to make a fortune. The LOG couldn't resist the temptation to print some old pictures in our files not because we have any tie-in with the gold rush of 1849 but because we do feel that we all need to be reminded every now and then of the passage of time. We are inclined to sit back and say we will do things tomorrow without stopping to think that tomorrow does come and that resolutions left from one tomorrow to another without being kept might as well not be made. The following account of the Gold Rush shows us how those people took advantage of their opportunity in spite

of hardships and inconvenience! Until 1848, California belonged to Mexico. By the time James Marshall discovered gold in 1848, the Oregon Trail was a much-traveled highway from what was then the western part of the United States to the Pacific Coast. Many immigrants had gone out there and had stayed even though the Mexican government had not made them feel particularly welcome. When the discovery came, the Mexican War was just ending. The hard times of the 40's had filled the East with mortgages and people were looking for ways out of their financial difficulties. The news did not get out here early in the game but, when President Polk talked of it in his message to Congress on December 5, 1848, the rush began.

California could be reached by three principal routes, Cape Horn, Panama or overland. For New Englanders the sea route was the natural one. Ships were numerous and seamen even more so. Stock companies were organized and, within nine months, 549 vessels arrived at San Francisco from all over the world, but more than half of them were from the Atlantic seaboard. It was not possible for all the eager souls to go by sea—it was more expensive—so many of them went by covered wagon to seek their fortune in the west. Every man with red blood in his veins wanted to go to California. Wild stories about enormous wealth gleaned in a few hours came out of the

CAUTIOUS DRIVING STRESSED FOR WORK AND PLAY

Cooperation With Traffic Police Urged at Sprague Electric

Those fresh, white lines in the middle of the road at the Beaver and Brown Street Plants are a sure sign that Spring Safety is being practiced at Sprague Electric. Each year these lines are renewed in the effort to help all pedestrians and motorists toe the mark to avoid accidents.

We are asked to use particular caution in going in and coming out of the parking lots. The traffic policemen, Edmund Hinkle, Norman Remillard and Vernon Desrosier are there for our protection, and cooperation on our part will eliminate accidents during the rush hours.

Along the line of accident prevention, the Street and Traffic Safety Lighting Bureau has asked us to release the following warning about night driving:

"Don't make the mistake of thinking you're safer in night traffic just because the traffic is lighter. That mistake may prove fatal. Actually night traffic is much more dangerous than daylight, even though only a third as many vehicles are operating. Proof of this lies in studies just completed." The Bureau points out that, taking into account the number of fatal accidents, night driving is 40 per cent more dangerous than day driving. The chief cause of the higher fatality rate at night is inadequate visibility due to insufficient light. The lack of light makes it impossible for drivers and pedestrians to see fatal dangers in time to save themselves.

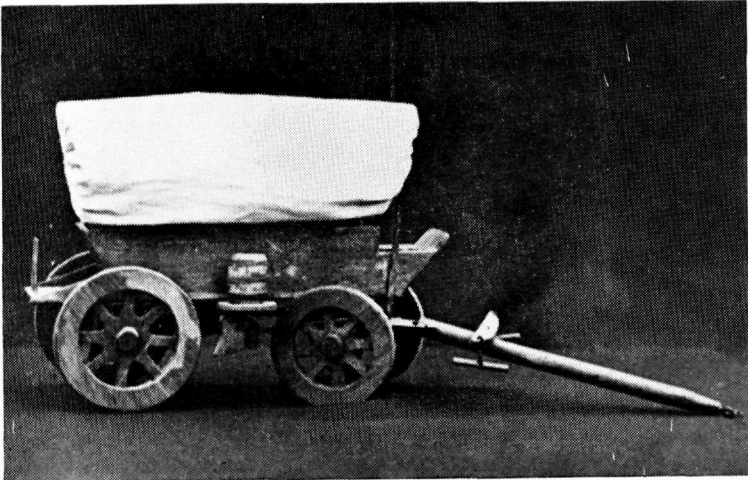
City traffic is particularly dangerous at night; two-thirds of urban fatal accidents occur after dark.

The North Adams police report that, from January 1 to May 22, the total number of night accidents is 39. In these accidents, fifteen persons were injured and one killed. They ask us to remember three important things when we are at the wheel of our automobile:

1. *Courtesy.* The courteous person is not quite so likely to have an accident because he is inclined to give and take in consideration for the other drivers.
2. *Signs.* Signs are put up for a purpose. If we obey them, we will find the road clear ahead when our turn comes to "GO".
3. *Speed.* Excessive speed is a contributing factor in most negligence cases. It's much easier to take it slowly and really get where we are going than to rush along the highway and make nervous wrecks of ourselves by having "close calls" which may well result in the "last call".

We should remember that, when the state grants us a license to drive a motor vehicle, it is not saying "Now, go out and drive as hard and fast as you can. You're really good!" They are saying "You have managed to pass the minimum requirements for driving an automobile. We permit you to drive as long as you show your ability. We ask you to keep within the confines of our laws so that we may all travel happily and safely along the highways."

Let's remember that, when we walk or drive, we must be alert and cautious. And let's be just a little more so at night.



This model Covered Wagon, symbol of the Opportunity Bond Drive, was made by Al Horsfall and his son.



The modern way of handling traffic at Sprague Electric. Notice the white lines and the policeman.

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MEMORIAL DAY

The observance of Memorial Day has a deeper meaning than the mere bowing of heads in renewed grief for those who gave their lives for our liberties and freedoms. There is a long-range fight we must wage in the memory of those who have been killed in war — a fight to achieve the world they died to maintain, a world where men and women may live at peace, a world in which they may love, work and build for the future without fear. Only by accepting that challenge can we make valid the sacrifice of those who have died on battle fields.

War has created a pattern for meeting this challenge. In time of war we tend to subordinate and submerge our personal ambitions, prejudices and preferences in one concentrated cooperative effort for the common good and a mutual cause. Teamwork and willingness to make individual sacrifices for the greater benefit of all solve seemingly unsolvable problems.

In the peace time world, there is no problem in personal or business relations, national economy, or international harmony which would not yield to similar tactics. Only by working as hard for peace as we do for war can we truly keep faith with those who lie buried on the battle fields. Then, and then only, can repose come to the restive dead at Bunker Hill, Gettysburg, and San Juan Hill, on the Normandy beaches, Okinawa, Iwo Jima or wherever men and women have died to bring freedom and peace for the generations that follow them.

LOOK FOR THE STORY

Every so often, when the LOG calls for a story about a particular job, the reply is, "There isn't any story. The job is all there is to it." Nothing could be further from the truth, it would seem to folks like ourselves whose business it is to look for the story about everything.

In the first place, if there were no story behind our jobs, there would be no jobs because there would never have been a need for them. Because our jobs are necessary, we are paid for doing them and, since we are paid for doing them, they are important in that they help form the whole which is

Sprague Electric Company. And, since they are part of the whole, there is no way for us to avoid our importance in contributing to the advancement of the Company.

Now those stories behind our jobs were created for us, but the stories about our jobs are, in many instances, what we want to make them. Certainly condensers don't just happen nor do capacitors grow on trees. Maybe if let's remember that every job in all the three plants is important and let's look for the story about our particular job. We may be amazed at the color we will find.

Stag Party for Ken Russell

A stag party was given at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club on May 19 in honor of Kenny Russell whose marriage to Miss Lillian Campbell will take place on Saturday, May 28.

Fred Windover was the Master of Ceremonies and the committee in charge of arrangements was composed of John Smith, Orrie Roy, Jack Shields and Nick Carter. Kenny was presented with a beautiful piece of luggage.

Lillian works in Resistors at Brown Street and Kenny is Foreman of Industrial Oils Final and Cover Assembly and is the Sports Editor of the LOG.

Opportunity Drive

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enthusiasm felt by the avid prospectors. While the overland journey took about five months, many families with small children and older people, took out across the Oregon Trail singing,

"I'll scrape the mountains clean, old girl,
I'll drain the rivers dry.

I'm off for California, Susannah, don't you cry."

It is estimated that during the height of the overland migration in the Spring of 1849, 50,000 people started out on the hunt for more opportunity. The roads were lined with the white-topped wagons. The worst part of the trip was in the desert region lying between the Rockies and the Sierras. Cattle were lost because grain was low and water was scarce. Cholera struck the human population and many of the immigrants had to stay there in an impoverished condition. The life was hard but, at the end of the journey, lay opportunity so those who could plodded on.

Digging in the boulders and gravel was not easy. Many had not thought they would have to work for gold; they had expected to find it floating on the surface of the waters on top of the earth. They were inclined to work too hard under the pressure of excitement. Many times they worked in water up to their waists with the hot sun beating down on their heads. Food was usually prepared by the individuals working in the earth which meant that they did not eat the proper food nor the proper amounts. Those who survived seemed to thrive on the hardships and, as we know, they changed the history of this great country of ours.

That Forty-Niner opportunity, while great, was realized only by great physical labor, privation and danger.

The opportunity we have today to acquire financial security is just as great although not filled with such danger and risks. All we have to do is buy bonds. Of course, we may have to do without some things we think we need in order to build up a reserve. That has always been true of those who have accumulated money as capital.



This is the way traffic was in the old days before white lines and traffic policemen had been added.

WEDDINGS

WILSON-ELLISON

Miss Patricia Ann Ellison, daughter of Mrs. Daniel Ellison of Lynn, became the bride of Francis Charles Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, on Friday, May 13, in Brunswick, New York. They are at home at the Carter Apartments in Williams-town. "Tank" is Foreman of the Ceramics Department at Marshall Street.

BOZEK-BURKE

Miss Blanche Antoinette Burke, daughter of Mrs. Esina Burke, was married to Edmund Bozek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bozek, on May 21 in Notre Dame Church. They will live at 40 Columbia Street. Edmund is employed in Foil Preparation.

But the opportunity to achieve a certain financial security for ourselves and our families is here. Will we be modern Forty-Niners and take advantage of it or will we put it off until next year?

R. M. A. Silver Anniversary In Chicago

R. C. Sprague and R. C. Sprague, Jr., are among those who have returned from Chicago where they attended the Silver Anniversary of the Radio Manufacturer's Association. R. C. Sprague is a member of the Board of Directors of R.M.A. and R. C. Sprague, Jr., serves on the Industrial Relations Committee. They attended various meetings and took part in different activities of the R.M.A. anniversary session.

Others from Sprague Electric who attended the convention were: William Nolan, William Adams, Neal Welch, Harry Kalkner, John Leedom, Sidney Chertok, Sam Darmstadter, Ansel Ost-rand and I. J. Kahan, Chicago Representatives; Thomas Hunter, Sales Representative of the Herlee Corporation and Milton Ehlers, President of Herlee.



Millie Letalien of Miscellaneous Paper Assembly; Fred Bowman, son of Alice Wright of Miscellaneous Paper Assembly; Marguerite Walsh of Industrial Oil Rolling with her grandson, John Brousseau; John Sarkis, nephew of Genevieve Morin of F. P. Drys; Chuck Lincoln, son of Velma of Miscellaneous Paper Finish and Charles of Maintenance Test at Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Montgomery who were married on February 26. Vivian works in KYA.



Anne Sacco of Brown Street Plastic Finishing.

Anne Sacco of Plastic Finishing Test at Brown Street is an English lass who came to North Adams following the war, as the wife of Anthony Sacco.

Anne was born in Lancanshire, England. After finishing her education there, she went to work soldering service respirator cannisters. Then came World War II. She joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) and was stationed at Cardington, Bedford. Later, she was transferred to London where she passed a course in meteorology. While attending a dance at the American Air Field at Moleworth, Anne met Corporal Anthony Sacco who was soon sent to Africa and then home for discharge. Then Anne, now a Sergeant, was discharged from the service in 1946 after four years of service.

She and Tony kept up a correspondence in the face of distance and separation, and he went back to England where they were married. They returned to America on the S. S. Argentina three months later.

Anne's reactions to this country were mixed. She thrilled at the prospect of shopping for clothes which had been a hard-to-get-item in England; she was amazed at the great number of automobiles being driven here; she found food to be both rich and abundant. North Adams was a welcome haven after having seen the devastation caused by bombs, but Anne was desperately lonesome for her parents and became completely happy only after their arrival here.

Anne came to work in Plastic Finishing in 1948 and, because of her friendly spirit and pleasant personality, has made scores of friends. She has a lovely voice and entertains us often with songs.

She lives with her husband and young Tony at 28 Dover Street and hopes that never again will their lives be shadowed by the clouds of war. Their peacetime ambition is to own a home of their own and to live with us permanently in North Adams.

Marion B. Caron

Industrial Oil Rolling
By Helen Lesure

Howdy, friends. Are you going fishing? Wait a spell and I will join you. Prop your fishing poles in the corner, put down your can of worms and let's chat a while about what has been going on for the last two weeks.

It appears that things are picking up. Almost all our gang is back again. We are glad to see Evelyn Jones, Ida Manson and Jo Sefcik. Take a look at who just swaggered in—none other than Maggie Wohler. You just made it in time for the LOG. Now we can sing, "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here".

By the way, Jo Sefcik is really happy, and we are happy with her, about finally finding an apartment. We are glad because we had heard that Jo had gotten so desperate that she had inquired about a four-room gopher hole she had heard about. Good luck in your new home, Jo and Joe. We'll be down for tea and crumpets.

May is full of famous birthdays, the most famous of which are the following: Millie Kearns, Marguerite Walsh, Mame Sweeney and Agnes Miller. From all of us to all of you, "Happy Birthday".

Light and rest, Alexander White. The stockroom will be your headquarters. We hope you enjoy your work and your co-workers as much as we enjoy having you. Welcome!

Hey, kids, I almost forgot about the fishing trip. We had better get going. Look, there are those two capitalists, Bernie Fitzpatrick and John McFarlane with their new cars. Maybe we could hitch a ride with them. Let's go.

Plastic Finishing Dept.
By Marion B. Caron

Vacationists from this department have been: Alice Maselli, Margaret Sala and George Simon.

Helen Vincelette is in training for high diving. We hear that her first attempt was far from successful — she practised on a ladder. She didn't know she was supposed to land on her feet.

Eleanor Bechard just loves sun baths. She went home one Friday with snowy white skin and came back on Monday quite black. We do hope she bleaches out one of these days.

Industrial Oils
By Ann Heath

Our slogan in Industrial Oils is "Let your hair down once in a while and have a good time". Alma Haley took us at our word and "cut a rug" at a wedding last Saturday. She is now wearing a blue bow to hold her hair up. Winnie Emery went to a dance in Readsboro Saturday night and didn't get home until the wee small hours. Incidentally, the party was on Lorraine Oakes who was showered with some beautiful gifts.

Resistors
By Victor Gay

Any one having news for the LOG is requested to get in touch with this reporter who has taken the place of Della Keating as reporter for the Resistor Department.

The ladies in our department are becoming quite self reliant. This became obvious when Margaret Cutler raised herself up on the window sill the other day and, using all of her feminine strength, managed to raise the window alone. Good work, Margaret.

John Murchie is taking an electric course which means that all those having mysterious problems to solve can let him know.

Art VanSteemburg has been wearing a new sport coat and what a coat! It is brown and white check with thin blue lines running up and down the coat. Where did you get it, Art?

The water fountain in the room is being repaired. When Charlie Dean was asked if we would be guaranteed really cold water, he said he didn't know but hoped so.

You had better watch out for the game warden, Charlie.

Can it be possible that our curly haired boy came in with skinned knuckles? How about it, Phil Roberts?

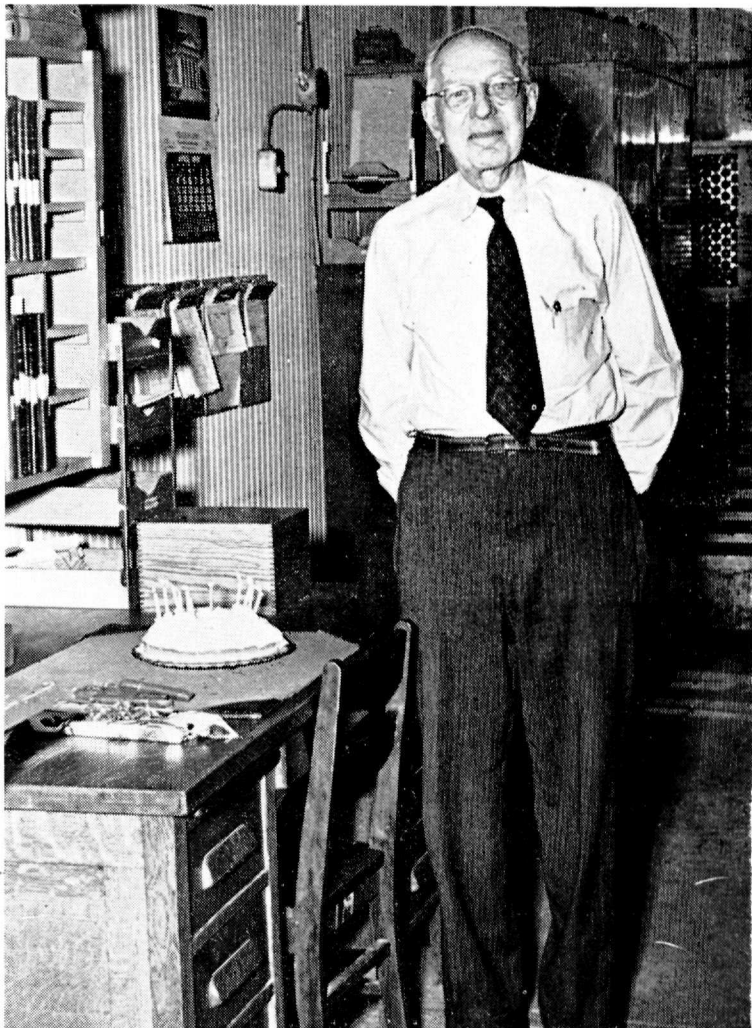
Leo Lemoine enjoyed a steak dinner in Heartwellville recently — especially the hotdog. We don't think it will cure your ulcers, Leo.

We all thought Mary Boschetti had grown up, but she was seen riding the hobby horses last week at the carnival. She must have been running a race since Rita Johnson was right behind her.

KVA -- INDUSTRIAL OILS
By L. Harrington - G. Joy

During a terrific nightmare the other night, I saw my co-workers as they will appear five years from now:

In Hollywood, they will be crowning Mary Santelli "Miss America" while Romeo Brusatori will be sitting by as "Mr. America"; John Davis will be suing Paramount Studios for casting Sidney Greenstreet in the role of the "fat man". John weighs five pounds more. Joan Gallese will be starring in "The Girl With Red Hair". In Syria, John Shaker will be surrounded by his harem and the girls will be singing "The Shiek of KVA". Dorothy Dupras will have been sent to Sing Sing for life for swindling the life-time savings of Marie Dargie (Twenty-five cents). Roma King will have been voted the "Queen of KVA" with Georgiema as her attendant. The "Queen of Opera", Vivian Montgomery, will have the leading role in "Madame Butterfly". Gus Trahan will have realized his life's ambition of being a whiskey salesman.



Earle Washburn of Brown Street Wire Coating who celebrated his seventy-first birthday on May 19. The cake was made by Paul Burdick, fourteen-year-old son of Helen of Wire Coating.

Wire Coating
By Betty Jangrow

Birthdays! May 2: Carol Loomis, daughter of Anne; Norman Miller, Jr., son of Lucille; May 13: Helen Burdick; May 14: Jack Burdick who celebrated his twelfth; May 23: Paul Burdick; May 16: Linda, daughter of Betty Neveu; May 16: Phyllis Miller, daughter of Lucille. Pete LePage is looking forward to celebrating the third birthday of his little daughter, Marilyn on May 26. May 27 is the birthday of Corena Tatro's husband. To all of you go the best wishes of the department.

It is truly a privilege for the Wire Coating personnel to have Earle Washburn with them for his seventy-first birthday on May 19. Many, many happy returns and our whole-hearted good wishes. We have never known Wire Coating without Earle who is the father of Jack Washburn, our director of personnel. Earle is a real Red Sox rooter, too!

Molded Tubulars
By Jean Bleh

Isn't Beatrice Asdikian's son the lucky one? His ship is docked in France for one whole month. Ooh-la-la.

Carmela Tassone has the new look now—very becoming, too.

By the way Arvilla Maxwell is raising corn in her garden. Willie, we all love you, especially when the corn is ready to eat.

Joseph Mazzu, our ice cream kid, believes that one cone a day keeps the doctor away.

Girls, have you ever asked Edna Williams if she loves submarine sandwiches? Ask "yours truly"; her answer is "No".

Molded Tubulars--Night Shift
By Ann St. Cyr and Nellie Mancini

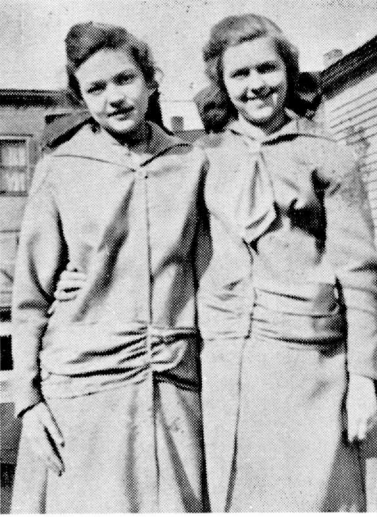
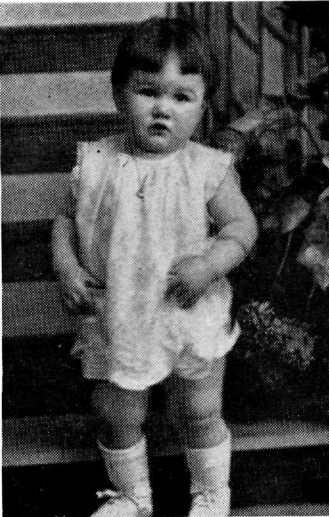
Altie Jillson has a far-away-look in her eyes these days. Could it be that she's thinking how nice it is at home? Altie hails from Whitingham.

If anyone is hungry, he can always depend on Margaret Dempsey for a handout. She's chief cook of the department.

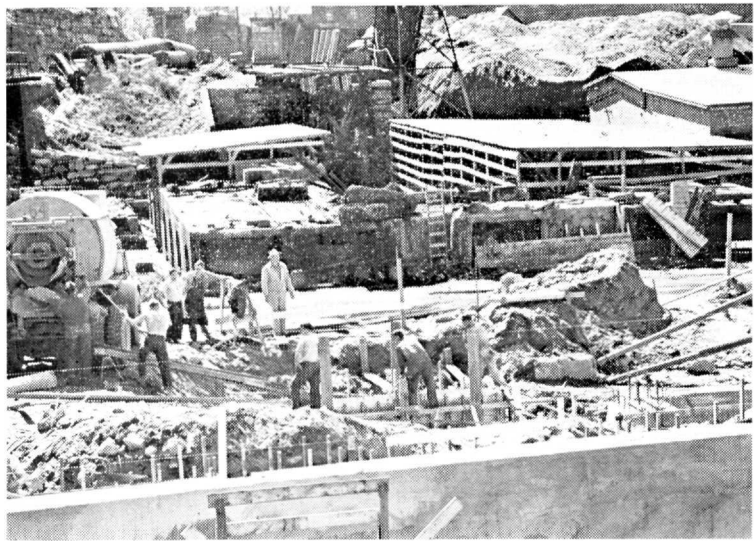
We are glad to have Vera Davine back after her long leave. The room certainly needed that red head to brighten things up.

Did you hear about the fire next to Pat Dowling's house? We understand that Pat did quite a bit of first aid work during the fire.

I wish someone would tell us Elsie LaBonte's secret. With the big supper she eats plus her lunch at rest period, how does she keep her girlish figure?



We went through some albums for these time-passers: we'll let you guess about the wee one on the right -- works in P.A.A. Soldering; This winsome lass now works in Resistors. We'll tell you next week. George Senecal exhibiting one that didn't get away back in '39; The gal on the right is now in Resistors, too; Two champions of the boxing team back in '39.



Pouring into the abutments at the new boiler house at Marshall Street. Picture was taken from a second story window across the river.

BUSY BEAVER News

F. P. Drys

By Florence Harris

Irene Jones would like to know how flat a flat tire can get. Grace McConnell says, "only on the bottom".

Eva Benson has a new car. Now, how about that license, Eva?

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Nesman on their first anniversary. Happy Birthday greetings to Irene Jones.

We had a crowd of tom-boys attending the carnival from this department. Eva Benson, Barbara Fortini, Claire Mongeon and Bertha Richard were seen sauntering around the grounds with their hands in the pockets of their dungarees. Confidentially, I heard that they even had pipes in their mouths.

The Oven girls went fishing recently. You know, girls, you can't catch fish in the trees and that's where your lines were most of the time. After feeding the fish, all their bait and two hooks, Helen Daub caught two fish. Watch for pictures in the next issue.

Vivian Delisle has a new arrival in her family but don't send any little garments. It's only a kitten.

Speaking of kittens, ask Johanne Kayser about her family.

Formation

By Val Pinsonnault

Vacations coming up; Arcade Gibeau will help his father-in-law in a South-view Florist Shop; Louis Haley always manages to take his around potato-planting time. When do you rest, Lou?

Many inquiries were made in the department as to who is who. Is Spagnolo Magnoli or is Magnoli Spagnolo? Bill Davis finally straightened everyone out by saying that Magnoli is the one who works nights.

George Senecal is proud of the emblem he had made for his camp, Senecalodge. The emblem is appropriate, George, because it indicates another arduous task completed and an inspiration fulfilled.

I quote Francis Robare; "My car is not decrepit. I can prove it if only I can find an axle."

It's a sure sign of summer when Louis Perras changes his cap for a soft hat.

F. P. Assembly

By Fat and Slim

How would you like to catch about a dozen fish at one hooking? Ask Claire about that.

Hey, Mike, the object of fishing is to throw your *line* in the water—not yourself.

We hope that Marie will be feeling much better by the time she reads this. A speedy recovery, Marie.

Upper Offices

By Flo and Sue

Our sincere congratulations to Marion Matney and Fran Gatto on their recent achievements in Gregg Shorthand. We certainly have two speed fiends in our midst.

Flo Southgate spent a weekend in Holyoke recently. From the current conversation we gather she had a super time.

Now that Charlie Ryan has opened his Dairy Bar again you are apt to see any of the Spragueites in Clarksburg enjoying an ice-cream cone. (That's alright, Charlie, we try to give you a free advertisement once every season.)

HIP! HIP! HOORAY! That's the way we all feel about the new coke machine.—But we want to know why none of the girls were around when the fellows were getting four and five bottles of Coke with only one nickel.

We hear Bill Campedelli's little boy enjoyed the hobby horses at the recent Carnival. Wait until he gets walking around, Bill, you'll really have your hands full.

We noticed quite a few walking by our doors with a sunburn. Perhaps we should run a contest to see who gets the best tan first.

Dry Rolling

By Ruth Kelley

It's pretty quiet here in Dry Rolling with every one working hard.

The vacation list, to date, is: Mary Scott and Lil Howard enjoyed theirs at home. Art Molleur is enjoying a week at home and expects to do a little camping over the week end.

Congratulations to Eddie Bozek on his recent marriage.

Has anyone heard our singing trio at the far end of the room somewhere in the left-hand corner? It's a mixture of Betty Boop, Olive Oyl and Jungle Jim. On second thought, I will give you the names of the singers: Rae St. Pierre, Ruth Szule and Clara Baliakos.

Calling all men interested in buying a good car: Alice Marcoux has one for sale and what a car! It goes fifty miles on a quart of oil. All interested parties may contact her here at Dry Rolling any time.

Leonie Dufraigne thought she would do a little modelling the other noon and came strutting out with a new dress. We all agreed she looked very lovely but, when she turned around, the pockets were in the back. Something wrong there.

Hazel L'Ecuyer is in North Adams Hospital for medical treatment. We all hope you will be well soon, Hazel.

Bill Sheldon's performance on the air Tuesday evening was excellent. You should do it more often Bill.

Engineering Dept.

By Frances Melito

We would like to welcome Eugene Beaupre to our department. Gene's wife, Dot, was a former co-worker. We hope you like it here, Gene.

Now that warm weather is here, Doris, Barb, Laurette, Tava and the rest of the girls went up to the brook during lunch period to have a picnic. Did you have fun?

Everyone is taking vacations. Ann Kearns is planning to spend a week in Atlantic City with friends and then to go on to Hampton Beach for a week with Laurette DeBlois. Barb Carpenter is going to turn her vacation into a honeymoon, and Doris Langer plans to go to Boston to see a few games. Tava Cloutier wants to go to Hampton, too. Good vacationing, girls.

Misc. Paper Finish

By Velma Lincoln

What department for good times and parties! A surprise twenty-fifth anniversary party was held at the Hill Top on the Mohawk Trail for Mr. and Mrs. John Malloy. They received a set of silver salt and pepper shakers from the girls. Adelle Solari sang several songs with Hugh Dick accompanying her. Dancing was enjoyed into the wee small hours.



Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wilson who were married on May 13.

The girls also had a get-together party at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club where we all had a wonderful time. Adelle sang there, too, and dancing was again enjoyed. Mike Downey, Ann's husband, took flash shots which we hear are good.

Frances Solari had her baby christened John Ernest Solari. You couldn't get him away from that family for anything now even though they had expressed preference for a girl.

Helen Harrington certainly looks pretty these days with her hair all curled and that pearly smile.

Dry Tubular Finish

By

M. Hauptfleisch and M. Faustini

We extend congratulations to Helen LeSage who celebrated her birthday on May 17 and to Phil Roberts who celebrated Monday, May 23.

Congratulations to Jack and Millie Faustini on their first wedding anniversary May 29. Millie is our desk clerk and LOG reporter. Jack works in the F.P.'s.

We understand that our Foreman, Charles Sutliff, has a nice, big bass chained down at Hoosac Lake in Cheshire waiting for bass season to open.

A good solution with which to clean gilt frames is the water in which onion has been boiled.

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Automatic Rolling

By Choo-Choo

A hearty welcome to the following new employees in our department: Jim Emery, Patsy Mazza, Tony Fressola and Joe Barriere. We hope you boys like it here.

Our shuffle board chump — we mean champ — is none other than Nelson Thibert. Anybody care to play him?

Woe unto us, the Red Sox fans in this department. All of us, especially Chuck Mulcahy, take terrible razzings every day.

Now we know why Herb Palmer has been having his father cut his hair. He has a new Ford ordered. We would like to know how we could do it, too, Herb.

The fisherman in this department haven't had very much luck so far this season. We must be hexed.

Be a modern forty-niner. Buy U. S. Savings Bonds.

Yours truly,

Choo-Choo

Ceramics

By Ida Gigliotti

Our sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wilson who were married on May 13.

Friday the thirteenth is considered a day of mishaps, but Clyde King celebrated his birthday anyway, and everything went along without mishap. He says it's his lucky day. Well, Clyde, we want to wish you many more happy birthdays to come.

Miscellaneous Drys DTQ

By Ceil Risch

Gus Jammallo traded his own jacket in for his wife's corduroy one. It's a little lighter in weight, but yours will keep until fall, Gus.

We all wish Jo Collins the best of luck and hope she will be back with us soon.

Gena Cellano has been quite sick. We hope you will have recovered by the time this issue of the LOG comes off the press, Gena.

We also wish Lucy DePari's daughter Mary Dailey, a speedy recovery from her operation.

We welcome back Laddie Ferrara, Millie Rivers and Lillian Bingham.

BASEBALL HISTORY MADE AND KEPT IN COOPERSTOWN

The quiet village of Cooperstown, in up-state New York, is the site of the National Baseball Museum which will attract thousands of baseball fans this summer. This ten-year-old colonial building houses baseball's Hall of Fame and an interesting collection of documents and objects associated with the nation's Number One Sport.

Cooperstown was the village where in 1839, Abner Doubleday, then a cadet at West Point, chalked out a diamond, dealt a set of rules for a new game, and became the father of baseball. The game spread slowly from there. It was not until 1842, when a group of New Yorkers played the game on the site of the present Madison Square Garden, that adults really gave much attention to the game. The first baseball club, the famous Knickerbockers, was organized in 1845 and the first official game between two organized teams was played in 1846.

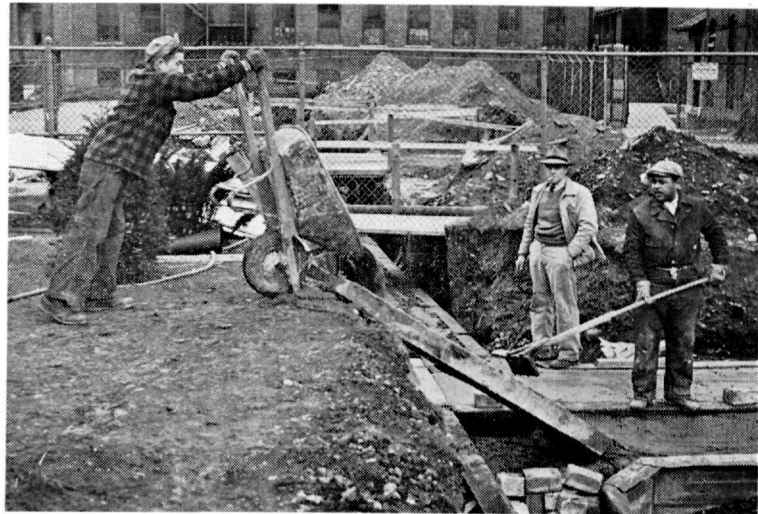
The Cooperstown museum is rich with baseball lore. From the imposing entrance, flanked by two Ionic columns, the visitor passes to an interior made inviting by a fireplace at the far end. In a glass case over the mantel is the nucleus of the entire collection — Doubleday's old baseball. The room is lined with cases containing many gifts of souvenirs, pictures and original documents identified with the earliest days of baseball. Many interesting prints, going all the way back to the famous Knickerbockers, and

including other pioneer teams such as the Cincinnati Red Stockings, the Forest City Unions, the Excelsiors, the Mutuals and the Athletics are around the wall.

But, for eager fans and worshipful boys, no part of the museum holds greater fascination than the Hall of Fame. There, the great players whose homers and putouts once brought the stands to their feet have managed to escape the oblivion that overtakes most heroes of the sports world. In the gallery of bronze plaques that adorn the walls, the stars who made the game what it is today have found fitting commemoration. National and American League officials evolved this means of honoring the heroes of baseball from the earliest days of the sport right down to the present. Many veterans of the years before 1900 find recognition: George Wright, Morgan G. Bulkeley, Ben Johnson, John J. McGraw, Connie Mack, Alexander Cartwright and Henry Chadwick.

The most recent "immortals" include the great Christy Mathewson, Walter Johnson, Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth. And the gallery is not complete. Each year, the Baseball Writers Association of America ballots to select a new "immortal" for the Hall of Fame. To win a place in the gallery, a player must receive the votes of over three-fourths of the scribes.

(Material for this article was taken from Buick Magazine.)



Pouring of the insulation around the pipes of the new Marshall-Brown Street line.

The Distaff Side

For The Girls



English Tea Cake

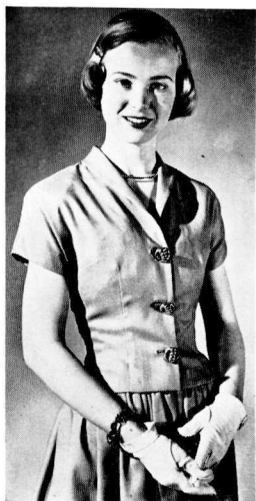
1 package yeast, compressed or dry granular
 1/2 cup scalded milk
 1/2 cup shortening
 1/4 cup sugar
 1 egg or 2 egg yolks
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup currants
 1 1/2 cups sifted enriched flour (about)
 2 tablespoons sugar
 Confectioners' Sugar Icing
 Pecans

Soften yeast in milk which has been cooled to lukewarm. Add shortening, sugar, egg, salt, currants, and enough flour to make a rather stiff drop batter. Beat until smooth. Let rise until doubled. Stir down and fill into greased pan, seven by 11 inches, filling pan about one-half to three-fourths full. Sprinkle sugar over the batter. Let rise until puffy. Bake in moderately hot oven (400 degrees F.) 25 to 30 minutes. Ice with Confectioners' Sugar Icing. Decorate with pecans.

Makes one tea cake.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Stevens have announced the engagement of their daughter, Doris Ann, to Clarence Arthur Rennell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Rennell. No date has been set for the wedding.



Cottons are again a must for vacations. No matter where you plan to go, you will look cool and feel well dressed in this suit which becomes a sun dress when the jacket is removed. Simplicity Pattern 2815—junior and misses sizes 11 to 18.

INSECT - PLANT PESTS COSTLY

Our country owes practically everything in the way of progress to human immigrants, and most of our agriculture rests upon plants and animals that have been imported. But there are some importations, intentional or accidental, that have become menaces or at least nuisances.

Many years ago a well-meaning person introduced the English sparrow to fight the insects in an eastern city park. The sparrow now occupies practically the entire United States and makes life difficult for many native species of birds. Later, just a few years ago, the English starling was introduced and is a real pest in many cities.

The water hyacinth was admired by someone, and it was thought a nice thing to introduce it to our inland waters of the South. Now look at some of our Florida rivers and decide whether or not that was a wise introduction. One of the worries at this time is whether or not some of the boys returning from service in the South Pacific will be able to smuggle through some mongOOSE pets. That animal is barred from our shores inasmuch as it is likely to get out of hand and become a pest.

Insect pests introduced from abroad seem to spread with remarkable rapidity due to the fact that their natural enemies are not brought along with them. With increased airplane travel there is danger from this source. That is why planes are so thoroughly fumigated upon arrival. Plants and fruits from abroad are also fumigated to kill insect pests that they may carry. The cost of such measures is fully warranted in the public interest.

For scorched linens rub a cut onion over the spot and then give the linen a soaking. The cold water will remove the scorched stain.

A Lot of Bloom for Little Cash

Small change goes a long way when you spend it on seeds of quick-blooming flowers.

Growing flowers from your own seed is one of the pleasantest and surest ways to acquire many flowers for a small investment, according to *Better Homes & Gardens* magazine.

Your best bet for showy bloom you can enjoy in a matter of weeks are annuals, including zinnias, petunias, asters and marigolds. Here is how to go about it:

First choose a spot for your flowers that gets sun for at least five hours daily. Fork or spade the soil a good eight inches deep and then pulverize and smooth it.

Mark off rows according to the sizes of the seeds because seedlings in rows are easier to identify than seeds sown broadcast. Make inch-deep furrows for zinnias and nasturtiums and only half that deep for larkspur and cosmos.

For petunias, sweet alyssum and poppies, roughen the soil a little and sow by covering the seeds with just a dusting of fine, dry soil.

Water the rows before planting. Shade with folded newspapers, burlap or a veil of grass clippings. Remove the burlap or paper when the first green seedlings begin to appear.

Space your seedlings. You can thin them by transplanting. Move enough seedlings so that each has room to develop. This is 12 to 20 inches for zinnias and the larger marigolds and as little as eight inches apart for sweet alyssum, phlox and portulaca. Sweet transplanted seedlings in place with a cup of water in which you have dissolved plant food at the rate of two tablespoons to each gallon of water.

Choose Your Color

The proper color can do much to enhance the eye appeal of your clothes. In choosing the proper color keep in mind the complexion of your skin and the color of your eyes.

If your skin tones are creamy to sallow, colors like red, orange, and red-violet are best because they give a rosier tint to your skin. Play up such colors as green, which will de-emphasize the yellow tone; avoid colors such as purple which emphasize the yellow.

If your skin is rosy or ruddy, wear colors containing yellow or violet which will play down the red. Avoid a color like green which emphasizes the reddish tone of your skin.

In matching the shade of your eyes, keep in mind the thought that vivid colors make dark eyes appear darker—that light colors make light eyes appear lighter and that blue, gray and green eyes change color easily by reflecting the color worn.

When buying clothes don't forget that different fabric textures change the tones of colors. The same color will look different in a transparent fabric than in a non-transparent one, and this is also true in dull and shiny fabrics. Black, brown, navy blue or dark green are the best colors around which to plan a wardrobe.

When you point your finger at someone else, always remember that you have three pointing at yourself.

Sewing Hints

For success in sewing, you must press as you go. Sewing will be easier, your dress will have that well-groomed look from the very beginning, and the finished garment will look more professional.

Have your pressing equipment immediately available to the place where you do your sewing. If you are going to use a small ironing board for your sewing needs, be sure it is long enough to accommodate at least a skirt length. Keep it evenly padded and the cover clean.

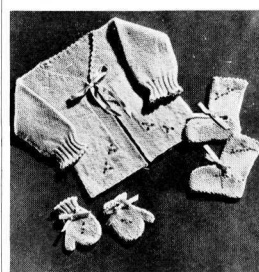
Keep a supply of clean pressing cloths on hand. A sleeve-board is a great convenience for pressing sleeve seams and other parts that are difficult to handle on the regular board. It, too, should be well padded and clean. Complete your equipment with a sponge and a bowl of water.

For a delightful fragrance in freshly ironed clothing, sprinkle a little lavender sachet under the ironing-board cover. The slight dampness of the clothes, combined with the heat of the iron, will bring the fragrance through.

"Alarm rods", fishing rods that ring a bell when the fish bite, have been patented by an Eastern inventor. Equipped with gaff hooks on their tips to simplify landing of large fish, they have wood handles and metal shafts.

Woolen clothes, such as sweaters, etc., may be moth-proofed when washed by dissolving moth-proofing solution in the last rinse water.

No soap in your eyes if you apply cold cream around them before shampooing your hair.



Directions for making this pretty baby set may be had at the Beaver Street Dispensary.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Torchia are parents of a daughter born May 19. Josephine works at Brown Street.

A son was born on May 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tavelli. The mother is Ruth who worked at the Beaver Street switchboard.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Rondeau are the parents of a daughter born April 22. The mother is Jeannette of Miscellaneous Paper Finish.

A son, Paul Wesley, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller on May 12. Raymond works in the Impregnating Department at Beaver.



CIRCUS PARTY

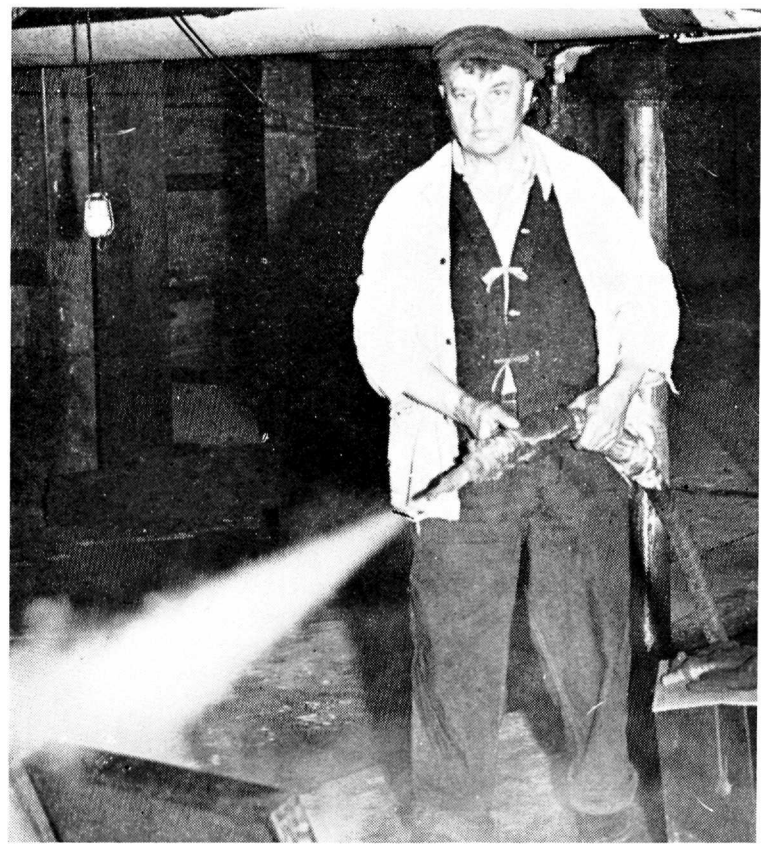
May is circus month so why not have circus parties for the children when birthdays roll around? A gay circus centerpiece, animal cookies with a game tucked inside them, ice cream sandwiches for each guest—these form the backdrop for a "big-top" party.

For the animal game cookies: Into a buttered mixing bowl, measure 2 cups corn flakes. Cook 1/2 cup brown sugar and 3 tablespoons light or dark corn syrup over moderate heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved and mixture bubbles (about five minutes). Add 1 tablespoon butter or margarine. Pour hot syrup over corn flakes, stirring so that each flake is coated. Press into greased shallow pan and let cool.

Cut with animal-shaped cookie cut-

ters, and press two identical shapes together with a written instruction tucked between. The instructions should say: "Roar like a lion", "walk like a duck", "jump like a rabbit", etc. Each child will act out his instructions and the others must guess what he is doing.

For the place card desserts: Melt 14 ounces (about 2 1/2 c.) chopped semi-sweet chocolate over hot but not boiling water. Add 4 cups whole wheat flakes, mixing until well coated with chocolate. Spread in shallow greased pan to one-fourth inch thickness, and when cool, cut into heart or other desired shapes. Using two of the shapes for each little guest, put them together with vanilla ice cream, sandwich style, and write each child's name on top with white icing.



John Petro washing the screens for the air-conditioning unit which purifies the air for Western Electric.

SHINING BLADES

The North American Indoor Speed Skating Championships were held recently at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Among the winners of championships were a couple of skaters well-known to local skate enthusiasts. Ken LeBel of Lake Placid took laurels in the mid-gel boys class while Edgar Dame Revere won the senior men's title.

LeBel will be remembered by local fans for his victories over Bobby Dunn III, local speed king. During the past winter, LeBel and Dunn met in several meets and, while Dunn never defeated LeBel, he was always within inches of him at the finish. A couple of their races ended in what was described as "blanket finishes".

Edgar Dame will be remembered by those who witnessed the Western New Englands at Noel Field back in 1946. He was just another skater then, but is the North American Champion today.

Alex Goguen of Pittsfield placed third in the 880-yard event at Colorado and was also third in the mile. Goguen won top honors in North Adams back in 1942 when the Western New Englands were held at Windsor Lake.

While Pittsfield has announced that they are after the North American championship for 1950, a little item tucked away in a news story of the Championships of Colorado states that the 1950 Championships will be held in Detroit. Guess Pittsfield will have to try again perhaps in 1951.

Charles Felix

Fishing Contest

The first entry in the Fishing Contest is from Carl Perry of Marshall Street Maintenance: Brown Trout, one pound, six ounces, 15½ inches long, caught May 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Hancock Brook with Garden Hackle.

Night baseball is talked of as being a new wrinkle. According to Jocko Maxwell Woodside, New York fan, the first night baseball game was played on June 2, 1883, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Over 2,000 fans saw the game.

The Square Ring

Tommy Yarusz took a trip to London and defeated Dave Sands who holds the Australian heavyweight, lightweight and middleweight championships. This was Tommy's sixth straight victory. His latest fight was over tough Chuck Hunter.

Lee Oma who is in the heavyweight class is still in fifth place. He won a decision over Omelio Agramonte and a Kayo over Augustino Guedes.

Johnny Greco, the welterweight, gave a beating to Beau Jack.

Maxie Docusen gave a lacing to Alfredo Escabar, Pedro Ramirez and Enrique Bolanos. It won't be long before Maxie asks for a shot at Ike Williams, lightweight title holder.

Peter Keenan, a 112 pound Scotsman, has hit the ring rating. He has won 12 straight fights.

Tami Mauriello flattened Willie Brown in nine.

Joe Baski took a decision from Angelo Sotillo and stopped Maynard Jones in nine rounds.

Vern Mitchell won over Caesar Brion in eight and defeated Henry Jones in ten.

Roy Thomas outscored Ted Lowry in ten rounds.

Leonard Morrow came back, after a long lay-off, and kayoed John Donnelly in eight and Watson Jones in eight.

Danny Rugguero trimmed Harry Haft in ten.

Lee Sala, in the middleweight class, stopped Nick Kashuba in two and beat George Small in ten.

Henry Chennel kayoed Harry Haff in 9 rounds.

Tommy O'Connor stopped Frank Theodore in the first round and beat Pete Masters in four; he kayoed Vern Turner in one round and won over Matt Daniels in one. This lad, O'Connor, is a coming middleweight.

Freddie Dawson, welterweight, won over Tony Champbell in a 10-round decision.

Bernard Docusen took a decision over Nilo Savage in 10 rounds and won over Bobby Jones.

Carlos Chaney, lightweight class, gave a beating to Lauro Salas in ten rounds.

Lew Jenkins is still going strong. He knocked out Santa Bucca in four and Joey Carhido in four and then stopped Bobby Tempson in ten.

SPORTS . . .

Northern Berkshire Softball:

Soft ball interest in this area is picking up with each coming season.

This year North Adams and Adams have formed their own city and town leagues and as we stated a few months back we may be able to witness our own little World Series between the winners of these two leagues. I'm sure it would be favorable to many fans in this area and certainly would stimulate more interest in this particular activity.

Here in North Adams the Belouin and Windsor entrys have shown plenty of class. The Corner Cafe, always a top team in this area, has had to be content with a lower standing. In a recently played game between Belouins and Windsor the Belouin boys handed Windsor its initial loss. Windsor was first to draw blood in the first inning but Belouin came fast to cop the verdict. Both sides played sparkling ball and if this is the type of game that is on tap each scheduled night—Fans—be there it is well worth your time.

We don't have too much information about the Town Loop in Adams but we know that the Greylock House and the Berkshires along with the Kostkas have been playing stellar ball and fielding great clubs.



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL:

The surprising N. Y. Yankees continue to set the pace in the Junior Circuit and so far we who have made early predictions look *bad* but *very bad*. However we do not cry for sympathy because we sincerely believe that this peculiar start that has the baseball world topsy-turvy will in a few weeks begin to right itself.

We must tip our hats to Coach Onslow and his White Sox, the great western trip enjoyed by the Wash. Senators and the steadiness of the aged Detroit Tigers. Orchids also to the Giants, who we believe with a helping hand from pitching as they are now enjoying, can well be on the top rung with that powerful batting array. The lowly Cinn. Reds are also surprising the National League.

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Well, fans, Pittsfield the favorite to annex the baseball crown is well on its way to win in a breeze. That if of course unless the other teams in the league play practically over their heads and have an exceptional night. No team in the league has defeated them and only two real threats have been made to knock them out of the undefeated class. First Drury tried and failed although Pittsfield squeezed this one out in the last inning. Pittsfield St. Joseph also came very close only to lose out in the late innings.

In back of undefeated Pittsfield comes Drury and Dalton who have been defeated twice. Any further losses by those two will practically assure Pittsfield of the title.

Pittsfield Indians Schedule

The home games of the Pittsfield Indians for the next few weeks will be as follows:

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| May 29 | Three Rivers |
| May 30 | Quebec |
| June 2 | Oneonta |
| June 6 | Amsterdam |
| June 7 | Amsterdam |
| June 8 | Oneonta |
| June 9 | Oneonta |

WILLIAMS COLLEGE SPORTS:

Baseball—

The Williams College Baseball Team has been just a mediocre one this year. At times the Purple looked like a promising ball club and then, after displaying a sad exhibition of our National Pastime, they looked far from a college outfit.

We do have with the club two brothers from Williamstown, Ralph and Ray Mason, who are playing very well; then we have co-captain, Don Lesage, former Drury Star who covers the short stop position for the Ephmen. With just a little more spirit this team can do much better which will be necessary if they hope to fare well with their Little Three Rivals Wesleyan and Amherst.

Tennis—

Here is a bright spot—Coach Chaffee's tennis team is great. During spring exhibition, the Purple Net-Men bowed before the power laden strokes of North Carolina and Princeton, and that's all. You may say what's so great about that? Well, North Carolina has one of the best net-teams in the nation and the Princeton lads are not far behind. So far the Purple have easily handled all New England opponents and climaxed the season so far by whipping an undefeated Springfield College squad 9-0. Springfield was going great guns until they met the onslaughts of Williams.

In the recent New England Inter-collegiate tennis championships, held in Williamstown, the strong Purple doubles team of Fred Scriber and Charlie Schaaf annexed the doubles crown and altogether the hosts provided good, stiff-opposition.



At the foothills of Mt. Greylock an 18-hole golf course is laid out and is known as the Taconic. The pro at this club is genial "Dick" Baxter. He is also the Williams Golf Coach and, may I add, a great club has been molded. This year Williams has burned up the course and completely buried the opposition. The scores have not even been close. These fellas have not only played well at home but away on opponents courses.

Polo—

We don't have much about polo, but we do know that Williams has a team. A recent match was held at Crane Field in Pittsfield and Harvard was the winner and it was a close match. We hope to know more about this sport and its activities in the future.

Kenny Russell

Soccer—

The soccer team has had little to report and so details are rather vague on this.

Lacrosse:

Here is a rough tough sport that the Williams lads learned the hard way—or so it seemed. In early Spring, they took a barnstorming tour to the South and took some good pastings, and handed out some, too, but anyway they say experience is a great teacher and so it seems because, when the Ephmen returned to good old New England, the opposing clubs were shown how Lacrosse is really played. Yes—the Williams College team—right now can play any team in New England and more than hold its own.

Track—

The Williams track team has already annexed the "Little Three Title" and have won all but 2 meets participated in this season.

SEMI-PRO BASEBALL:

With the exception of the St. Stanislaus of Adams, the Crusaders of North Adams, the Greylock team from Greylock, and the Williamstown Legion, Semi-Pro ball in this area is dead. Sad as it may seem not enough teams were interested in forming and as a result no league has been formed. At this writing the Greylock and Crusaders teams are playing independent schedules along with Williamstown while the Saints of Adams are still practicing prior to launching the season.

National Parks

We can't climb into a covered wagon and saunter off for a camping trip during our 1949 vacation period, but we can hop into a motor driven automobile and whisk off to a National Park where camping facilities are available.

National Forests, National Parks, Monuments, State Parks are ours to use, within limits governed by regulations that provide the greatest amount of vacation good for the greatest number of people. The forest, meadows, trout streams, and beaches have been equipped for the most part with recreation facilities such as stone-work cooking stoves, tables, benches and improved drinking water supplies — all things that make a vacation good.

In many of the parks, cottages are available for a period of one or two weeks at a nominal sum. These cottages are equipped with electric stoves and running water not to mention garbage disposal service. If any of you is interested in National Park-ing this summer, write the Public Relations Department of the state you wish to go for necessary information.



The Can Shop Bowling Team in 1939. Back row, left to right: Rudy Drobiak, Clint Sweeney, George Scarbo; Front row: left to right: Kenny Russell, Ray Fawcett and Ronnie Ryan.